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DISTRICTED FOR CENSUS

Supervisor of Census Names
Districts for Torrance
County

The following census districts have been designated by the territorial supervisor of census, Torrance county being divided into seven districts. Each district will be assigned to an enumerator, who must cover that territory thoroughly, including in his report everything pertaining to that portion of the work.

No. 270. Precincts 1 Tajique and 2 Torreón.

No. 271. Precincts 3-Manzano and 5 Punta.

No. 272. Precincts 4 Cienega, 13 Abo and 15 Mountainair.

No. 273. Precinct 6 Willard.

No. 274. Precincts 7 Estancia and 14 Lucia.

No. 275. Precincts 8 Moriarty, 9 Palma and 16 McIntosh.

No. 276. Precincts 10 Duran, 11 Pinos Wells and 12 Encino.

Irrigation Proposition

Quite a number of our farmers were in attendance at the meeting in Walker Hall on Wednesday afternoon, to hear the proposition of C. H. Rittenhouse, of the Western Construction Company, in regard to irrigation. The plan is to install a central power plant and transmit electricity to the various portions of the valley, furnishing the farmers the power with which to pump water for irrigation. Mr. Rittenhouse expressed himself, that with the shallow water found throughout the valley, the plan was entirely feasible and would assure first-class crops for the valley in seasons of drouth as well as seasons of rain.

A committee to examine more closely into the details of the proposition and report their opinion of the same, was chosen consisting of L. Knight, chairman; G. H. Van Stone, H. G. Bedford, Thos. Long, J. M. Milbourn, Fred H. Ayers and A. J. Green.

Still after the County Seat

On Tuesday of this week, Attorney A. B. Renahan filed a motion before the Territorial Supreme Court, asking that the injunction against the Board of County Commissioners of Torrance county, restraining them from expending any moneys upon a courthouse at Estancia, be reinstated until the case could be disposed of on its merits at the summer session of the court. Judge E. A. Mann, for the defendants, objected and the matter was to have been argued yesterday, but as there was not a quorum of the court present, no action was taken.

This is merely continuing the scheme of the few who are opposed to having anything done, in their attempt to block the building of a courthouse until after the next legislature, in the hope that that body will do something to bring about a possible change, to make Willard the county seat. The law establishing the county seat at Estancia stands until the supreme court decides otherwise, and in the mean time the work on the building goes merrily on. So far, the objectionists have been defeated in every move they have made, the district court having decided that Estancia is the county seat and the complainants had no grounds for an injunction.

ESTANCIA VALLEY IS MAKING NAME WORTHY OF PRIDE

Farmers and Manufacturers are Making Valley one of Best Portions of the Territories

and well defined, west of Estancia.

Torrance county is one of the new counties of the territory and has made rapid strides since its creation. The rush of homeseekers into the Estancia valley has resulted in changing this valley from a sheep range to a prosperous community dotted with farms where the dry farming method is being given a test that has demonstrated without question its success. Water is found at shallow depth and some irrigation is practiced. The soil is adapted to raising grains and vegetables and potato growing has become an important industry within the past two years, potatoes raised in this valley bringing good prices with greater demand than can be met.

A good vein of coal has been discovered at a depth of 80 feet

ELECTION IS UNANIMOUS

Village Election Proves that Estancians are working in Harmony

There being only one ticket in the field, the village election last Monday was a rather tame affair. However a number of scratched ballots appeared. The Citizens ticket was elected by a good vote. George Munshower being the only recipient of votes outside of that ticket. Two of his friends remembered him by placing his name on their ballots. The county commissioners will meet next Monday to canvass the returns, and issue certificates of election to the successful candidates.

Spelling Bee.

There will be an old time spelling bee at Walker Hall Thursday, March 10th, at late candle lighting, and will be given by the Royal Neighbor Damsels and the Modern Woodmen Gentry. There will be spelling down, speeches, things to eat and music, and will cost about twenty cents for grown up folks and about half as much for those not grown.

Hunt-Kolb.

Ira D. Hunt and Miss Alice C. Kolb were married Tuesday afternoon at the Valley Hotel. Rev. J. R. Carver performed the ceremony. The parties have both lived at Moriarty for several years, and will continue to make their home on their farm northeast of the town. We extend best wishes and congratulations.

The Christian Church

The Special Meetings now in progress at the Baptist church will continue over Sunday. The Bible School will be held as usual at Walker's Hall. By the courtesy of Rev. Carver the services will be held in the Baptist Church Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. at which time Frederick F. Grim will preach. A cordial invitation is given to all.

cia. Salt is produced from salt lakes in the valley and this is an important industry.

Towns have sprung up throughout the valley of which Estancia, the county seat, is the most important. Estancia is on the line of the New Mexico Central railroad and is the largest town in the valley, having good schools and churches. The various business interests are well represented in the town and the bank there has \$100,000 in deposits. Two large planing mills and box factories give employment to many men and five saw mills in the adjacent mountains are kept busy supplying timber for this industry. The shops of the New Mexico Central are located there. A \$6,000 high school has been built and the town is making rapid progress in educational facilities. Near the town is the Estancia natural park in which are large springs that supply pure water to the town and railroad.

Moriarty is a thriving town located at the junction of the New Mexico Central's Santa Fe and Albuquerque branches, which gives it a good position as a trade center. Mountainair, at the summit of Abo pass on the east slope of the Manzano mountains, is the Chautauqua town of New Mexico and the shipping point for timber cut in the mountains. Dry farming is no longer an experiment there and abundant crops are raised, while orchards thrive. The town is a health resort and is the closest point to several places of historical interest, including the ruins of La Cuara and La Gran Quivira missions.

Willard is almost the center of the Estancia valley and the junction point of the New Mexico Central and the Santa Fe's Belen cut-off, which makes it the distributing point for a large territory and earns it the title, "Hub City." It is a thriving town, bound to grow, and as the center commercially of a vast trade territory it is already one of the busiest little communities in New Mexico.

Willard began with the construction of the two railroads which cross at this point and the frame shacks which temporarily gave shelter to its residents have been replaced by substantial brick and stone houses. Practically all lines of business are represented in the town and there are churches and schools. Its important railroad connections insure the growth and prosperity of Willard and of the community from which it draws its trade.

With the formal opening of the Santa Fe Central railroad in 1903 came a rush of homeseekers to the Estancia valley, and Estancia has grown from its original beginning of one general store to an incorporated town with a population of 1500. So rapid has been the growth of the population that all available claims within a radius of twenty miles have been taken up, and the homeseekers who are arriving daily are obliged to buy relinquishments or deeded land if they wish to remain in the land of sunshine. Relinquishments and deeded land are selling from \$10 to \$30 per acre, while lots in the business part of town are selling from

\$500 to \$800, according to location.

Estancia is one of the best business towns in the territory, as these statistics will show what is actually located here: Four general stores, four grocery stores, two hardware and implement stores, one feed store, one second hand store, three meat markets, one bank, one drug store, two lumber and coal yards, two livery stables, two planing mills and box factories, two barber shops, three hotels, two restaurants, one rooming house, two blacksmith shops, one shoe shop, one millinery store, one tailor, two newspapers, one bakery, one jewelry shop, two physicians, three lawyers, two United States commissioners and three real estate agents and the New Mexico Central shops, which employ about thirty men.

Considerable building is going on despite the cold weather. The J. W. Brashear brick is just finished, a building 60x50, and is occupied, and in a short time Messrs. Ayers, Scott and Jensen will erect a brick adjoining this and of the same dimensions. The material is being hauled from the cars to the court house grounds for the erection of the \$10,000 court house for Torrance county.

There are seven religious denominations which have organizations, while only the Baptists, Methodists and Church of Christ have buildings erected. Of the lodges we find the Masons, Eastern Star, Odd Fellows, Rebekah, W. O. W., M. W. A., Royal Neighbors and Knights of Pythias have active organizations.

The citizens of Estancia point with pride to the new \$6,000 brick school house which was completed during the past summer, and with the efficient corps of teachers the school ranks as one of the best. With the four years' high school course parents do not have to face the problem of having to send their children away from home to have them educated.

The New Mexico Fuel and Iron Co. fenced in the old historic springs and trees, which include about thirty acres, which tract is known as the town park, and here during the summer months picnickers frequently gather and nearly all the public gatherings are held under the inviting shade of the wide spreading trees.

The principal products are potatoes, frijole beans, millet, corn, barley, wheat, oats and all varieties of garden truck. Potatoes during the past season yielded from 150 to 200 bushels per acre, and were of a quality that can not be excelled. Estancia sent ten sacks of potatoes, each potato weighing not less than from one to three pounds, to the National Irrigation congress, which was held in Chicago last fall, and as they had been raised under the dry farming process caused not a little surprise when it was found that they equalled the irrigated potato which was displayed in every respect. There will be thousands of acres of corn, beans and potatoes planted this spring and all indications are for a bumper crop, as there has been an unusual amount of snowfall this winter.

A ride through Estancia valley

will convince the skeptic of the substantial growth of a country that was the home of the jack-rabbit only seven years ago. The one-room shack has been replaced in many instances by farm houses containing from three to eight rooms, with good barns, cribs, etc., and the native pony is rapidly being replaced by the Missouri mule and thoroughbred horses, and the range cow is giving way to the registered classes. Automobiles are being purchased by some of our progressive farmers, and to sum up the Estancia valley it can best be expressed that the cream of the east and central states have come to the valley to live and help build up one of the greatest commonwealths in Uncle Sam's collection. —Tribune-Citizen.

TORRANCE WELL UP IN THE LIST

Almost all of First Half of 1909 Taxes Paid as soon as they Became due

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 26.—The collections of taxes of 1909, to date, in the various counties, are very good, considering that only the first half of the taxes has fallen due. The collections for the entire territory average 42 per cent. The showing is indeed a creditable one and indicates that a very large percentage of the 1909 taxes will be accounted for by the end of 1910. Following is the standing of the various counties of the territory on a percentage basis, up to and including the January collections:

McKinley 58 per cent.
Colfax, Luna and Grant, 49 per cent.
Taos 48 per cent.
Chaves 46 per cent.
Eddy and San Juan counties 45 per cent.
Otero and Bernalillo 44 per cent.
Quay 43 per cent.
Torrance, Dona Ana and Curry 42 per cent.
Lincoln and Union 41 per cent.
Valencia and Socorro 40 per cent.
Roosevelt 39 per cent.
Sierra, Rio Arriba and Mora 38 per cent.
San Miguel 34 per cent.
Santa Fe 33 per cent.
Guadalupe 29 per cent.
Sandoval 23 per cent.

Protests Small Holding Claim

On Monday of this week, testimony was taken before U. S. Commissioner Minnie Brumback in the land case of Morse vs. Ballejos. Fermin Ballejos made final proof on the Small Holding Claim No. 291, of Jose Mirabal, deceased. Stephen A. Morse protested against this proof, as the land included part of his homestead filing. Attorneys Jennings and Corbett represented Morse, while attorney Davies looked after the interests of Ballejos. No testimony was offered by Ballejos, he allowing his case to rest on the evidence submitted by the protestant.

RUSH WORK ON COURTHOUSE

Excavation is Well under Way and Material is being Delivered

August Reingardt, who has the contract for the building of the Torrance County court house, came in from Santa Fe Monday, and has things moving lively on the court house grounds. The excavation for the basement and foundation is well under way, a large number of men being at work. A car of cement is being unloaded, while rock and lumber are being brought to the grounds.

That work will be pushed as rapidly as possible is assured by the manner in which the contractor has taken hold of the same. Torrance county needs and will shortly have a good building for county business, and her people may rest assured that they will receive their money's worth for every one of the \$12,445 expended in the construction.

Sunday School at New Home

A new Sunday School was organized last Sunday, at the New Hope School house, nine miles southwest of Estancia. The attendance was thirty-two which was good for the first meeting. Mrs. J. M. Baker was elected Superintendent and V. G. Block Secretary and Treasurer. The District school is also progressing nicely, with J. I. Ferguson as teacher. There are many good reliable citizens in that neighborhood, and they are all in for progress.

Homespun Philosophy.

(Selected.)

Honest toil is better than profligate leisure.

Some only change their occupation to hasten the faster to ruin.

Some days the most trivial cross takes the form of a calamity.

How many misfortunes come from having forgotten a single corner.

Two-thirds of human existence is wasted in hesitation and the last in repenting.

We must sow the seeds and tend the growth, if we would enjoy the flowers.

Man prepares for privation by satiety and finishes his sin thoroughly before he begins to repent.

Ah! If men only knew what a small dwelling Joy can live in and how little it takes to furnish it.

Happiness can only be retained by constancy; do not forsake your old patrons for the protection of those who are unknown.

It is easy for us to think if the circumstances were changed, we would be changed also; may we learn to change, so the circumstances may train our souls for duty, truth and beauty!

The difficulty is to know how to adapt ourselves to the slow step of time, whose progress can never be forced without danger.

If nothing is perfect, nothing is so bad as to be without compensation, or its remedy.

Traveling Salesmen Moore, of the Oliver Typewriter Company, came in Wednesday evening. He drove to Manzano yesterday, from which place he will go to Mountainair.